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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALE.

By Order of the MORTGAGEES.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 18th NOVEMBER, 1891, at 11 o'clock A.M., will be sold by Public Auction, in the COURTYARD of the GRAND HOTEL, Logan's Buildings, in PENANG, that well-known Steamer

"NAM KIANG,"

the property of Messrs. KHYE GUAN & Co.

The *Nam Kiang* has lately been running between Rangoon, Moulmein, and Penang, and is now lying in Penang Harbour.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained at the Office of Messrs. Logan and Ross, No. 2, Union Street, Penang.

9th October, 1891. [2430

W. BREWER

Has just received

Japanned Tin Despatch Boxes and Cash Boxes.
The Patent Triplex Office Inkstands.
Self-Adjusting American Pen: writes like a Gold Pen, and suits every hand.
Cross's Stylographic Pens.
New Framed Pictures and Brass Picture Wire.
Waterlow's Multiplex Copying Portfolio.
Gent.'s Travelling Dressing Cases.
Ladies' " " "
Fine Leather Goods, Pocket Books, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Ladies' Bags, Photo Albums.
The Artist's Crayon Sketching Boxes,
Water and Oil Colour Boxes.
Footballs and Cricketing Gear.
Lancaster's Cameras, &c, complete.
Sweet Caporal and Straight Cut Cigarettes.
Letts's and Smith's Diaries, 1892.
Office Dating Stamps and Boxes of Stencils.

WALTER W. BREWER,
21] UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NINGPO,"

Captain R. Köhler, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2423

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIPHONG,"

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 28th inst., at DAYLIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2424

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO,"

Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2425

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA,

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2426

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA).

THE Company's Steamship

"GENERAL WERDER,"

Captain B. Blanke, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 31st instant.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1891. [7

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"SACHSEN,"

Captain H. Supmer, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1891. [7

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP,
BREMEN, AND HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 21st day of November, 1891, at 3 P.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Supmer, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 5 p.m. on the 20th November, Cargo will be received on Board until 1 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 10 A.M. on the 21st November. (Parcels are not to be sent on Board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1891. [7

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PESHAWUR,"

Captain W. A. Wheler, will leave for the above Place TO-MORROW, the 28th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

E. A. HEWETT,
For Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1891. [1

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GLENSHIEL,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 2nd proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 9th proximo, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2427

CITY HALL.

THE
WILLARD OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTOR .....PEMBERTON W. WILLARD.

LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON.

TO-MORROW NIGHT
(WEDNESDAY), OCTOBER 28th,
"THE COMEDY OF IMPULSE."

Plan now open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

PRICES .....$2 and $1

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2420

THE FLOODS IN SPAIN.

A SUBSCRIPTION LIST, in Aid of the SUFFERERS from the FLOODS which lately occurred in SPAIN, has been OPENED at the SPANISH CONSULATE, Hongkong, where any Donations will be thankfully received.

A. G. ROMANO,
Acting Consul for Spain.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1891. [2405

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having Claims against or indebted to the Estate of the late WILFRED CHRISTY formerly of AMOY, CHINA, are requested to furnish the Undersigned with particulars thereof without delay.

FRANCIS CASS.

Amoy, 20th October, 1891. [2396

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that INTEREST will be Charged on all CALLS due on Shares of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, as and from the 16th instant, in accordance with the Articles of Association.

A. B. MCKEAN,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1891. [2362

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, DEBENTURES.

THE attention of DEBENTURE HOLDERS is called to an advertisement which appears in another column of this Paper to the Effect that the DEBENTURES of the COMPANY will be accepted at PAR in lieu of Cash in the purchase of the property advertised for Sale at MOUNTAIN VIEW.

For further particulars, apply to
JOHN A. JUPP,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [1798

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account of 1891 at the Rate of Seventy Cents per Ten Dollar Share (or 7 per cent. on the Capital of the Company) will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK on and after the 5th proximo, on Warrants to be obtained from the Undersigned. Local Shareholders are requested to apply at the Company's Office for their Warrants, as the same are only posted to addresses outside of the Colony.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 2nd proximo, till SATURDAY, the 7th proximo, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order,
A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1891. [2398

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

1890 ACCOUNT.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FINAL DIVIDEND of $2 per Share has This Day been DECLARED.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above OFFICE on and after FRIDAY, the 23rd instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ld.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1891. [2400

NOTICE.

THE JELEBU MINING AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of 7 % for the Half Year Closing 5th August, 1891, having been declared, Coupon No. 3 is PAYABLE at the BRANCHES of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, in Hongkong and Singapore, on and after to-day as follows:—

Lit A for 50 Shares with.....$17.50
" B " 20 " " .....$ 7.00
" C " 5 " " .....$ 1.75

HUTTENBACH BROTHERS & CO.,
General Agents.

Singapore, 15th October, 1891. [2397

VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2415

TUITION.

NEW and EASY METHOD of learning FRENCH, by a Frenchman. Fees $5 monthly. Apply to Y. Z., care of Office of this Paper, or Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1891. [2299

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LA MARIA CRISTINA
CIGAR FACTORY, MANILA.
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Purveyors to the Royal Household.

The splendid Cigars and Cigarettes from the above Factory were awarded Gold Medals in different Exhibitions and the highest Diploma of Honour in the Melbourne and Adelaide Exhibitions. To be had at their Cigar Depot, No. 8, D'Aguilar St.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1891. [a2016

INTIMATIONS.

THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
ESTABLISHED 1845.

TOTAL ASSETS ON 1ST JANUARY, 1891 ..... $115,947,809
AMOUNT ASSURED $589,338,726
SURPLUS BY NEW YORK STATE STANDARD ..... $ 14,898,450

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th April 1891. [a1802

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UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
AND AT LONDON, SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PIANOS.

Specially made for this climate and GUARANTEED.
MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

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Experience, Machinery, Trained Men, and Guaranteed Work.
OLD PIANOS taken in Exchange.

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Packed by Crosse, Blackwell & Co., Philippe & Canaud, and other first-class Packers.

A FULL STOCK OF FRESH STORES ALWAYS ON HAND.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on October 1st, 1891. Attention is called to the New Scale of Prices.

Priced Lists and Pass-books sent, Post Free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1891. [a22

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KUHN & CO.'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW,
WHICH INCLUDES

A NEWLY arrived consignment from PARIS of WATCHES,
DIAMONDS,
JEWELLERY, and
PRECIOUS STONES.

This is the Finest and Largest Collection ever exhibited in the Far East and the whole will be sold at MANUFACTURERS' PRICES.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2413

SHANGHAI RACES.

THE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CIE AND THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

WILL issue RETURN TICKETS to SHANGHAI by their Steamers leaving on or about the 13th, 21st, 27th inst. and 4th NOVEMBER, available for return by either Line, and allowing of One Month's Stay at Shanghai.

Fares: First Saloon, $60
Second " 40.

2309] NOTICE.

FROM the First NOVEMBER the SHANGHAI BUTCHERY will be prepared to supply BRAWN, LARD in Bladders, Fresh and Pickled ENGLISH PORK, SAUSAGES, &c.

Also
BEEF, in Joints and Corned, BLACK PUDDINGS, PORK and GAME PIES.

S. R. GALE.

Shanghai, 16th October, 1891. [2354

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CARPETS, TAPESTRIES, CRETONNES, — and all Furnishing Requisites.

THE BEST SELECTED STOCK IN THE EAST.

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1891. [a326

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Marion Crawford's New Novel, The Witch of Prague. Special Cheap Colonial Edition.
Capt. Hayes' Vetchuary Notes. New Edition.
Best Champion Boxing Gloves.
Association Footballs and Spare Bladders.
Ayre's 1891 Championship Tennis Balls.
An entirely New Stock of Winsor and Newton's Artists' Materials.
Oil and Water Colours.
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Oils and Varnishes in great variety.
Drawing Blocks and Books, Whatman's Paper.
T Squares, Set Squares, Mahogany and Divided Palettes.
Dixon Kemp's Yacht and Boat Sailing.
Do. Yacht and Boat Architecture.
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Letts's and Smith's Diaries, 1892.
Now Ready, Price 75 cents.
"THE IMPERIAL"
ENGLISH AND CHINESE DATE BLOCK for 1892.
Printed in red and black.

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Established in EUROPE in 1815.

This ancient House consign to us
The well-known 4 STARS COGNAC, superb quality.
Price $14.25 per 1 dozen quarts.
The 3 STARS COGNAC, about 3 years younger,
Price $13.25 per 1 dozen quarts.
The 2 STARS COGNAC, equal to Hennessy's,
Price $10.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co's "PALL MALL" WHISKY, very old and high class. Each bottle contains an analyst's certificate. The Whisky is simply grand.
Price $12.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

CUTLER, PALMER'S HEART BOTTLE SCOTCH WHISKY, moderate in price, excellent in quality, a great favourite,
Price $9.25 per 1 dozen quarts.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co's INVALIDS' PORT, Analysed and Certificated by Professor Cassall.
Price $12.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

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AMOROSO,
Price $12.75 per 1 dozen quarts.
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Pure, and natural wine, a tonic
WHITE SEAL SHERRY—Popular at the Club, dry, clear, and of good flavour.
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Price $17.50 per 1 dozen quarts.
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Price $10.25 per 1 dozen quarts.
MARGAUX-MEDOC,
Price $5.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

LIQUEUR,
BENEDICTINE, D.O.M.,
Price $24 per 1 dozen quarts.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
HONGKONG.

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WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
Established London and Bordeaux, in 1815
Shippers over half a century.
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong.

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A. The "PALL MALL," 11 Years Old, liqueur Whisky.
B. NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S SQUARE BOTTLE, Certificated, splendid quality.
C. CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s OWN, free from Fusel Oil, A 1 quality.

a. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., or Messrs. SIEMSSEN & Co.
b. Apply to Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
c. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., or Messrs. SIEMSSEN & Co

Hongkong, 31st July, 1891. [912

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Apply by letter addressed
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Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2421

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"FELSEN KELLER"

excellent quality,

$7.50 per case

4 dozen Champagne Bottles.

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Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1891. [1061

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Won the HIGHEST MEDAL awarded for BEER at the NATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1890, and the JIJI SHIMPO GOLD MEDAL.

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W. Walker, Secretary.

AGENTS FOR HONGKONG,
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [1—159

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The sale of this good Scotch increases month by month; it is of Superb quality and of CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'S SELECTION

Sole Agents for it—
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Splendid BEAUJOLAIS WINE at
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$8 " 2 " pints.

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The Hotel is replete with every accommodation for Families and Gentlemen.

The Manager, Mr. ROBERT ISHERWOOD will be assisted by an Efficient Lady Staff, and the Hotel will be conducted upon the best English system. The accommodation comprises a spacious Dining Hall, Private Dining Rooms, Drawing, Reading, Smoking, Grill, Billiard, and Private Sitting Rooms, with Fifty-four Bedrooms each provided with separate Bathroom and every convenience.

Tramway Tickets will be supplied to Visitors at Reduced Rates.

For terms apply to the SECRETARY at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1891. [1084

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Adjoining the Tramway Terminus.

The most beautiful position in the Environs of Hongkong.

Situated 1,300 feet above Sea Level.

Commanding Magnificent Views of the City and Harbour of Victoria, the mainland of China, and neighbouring Islands.

The best accommodation for Visitors, with every comfort, convenience and attention.

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(Under the distinguished patronage of the Imperial Household.)

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RATES $3 TO $4.50 PER DAY.

C. S. ARTHUR,
2117] Manager.

INTIMATIONS.

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CHEMISTS, &c.

SELECTIONS FROM WINE AND SPIRIT LIST.

BRANDY.

	per case.	per bottle.
COGNAC—first quality genuine Grape Spirit.....*blue capsule*	$12.00	$1.10
COGNAC EXTRA AGE—a very old pale cognac	$16.00	$1.50
ROUYER and GUILLETS—*** 15 years old.....	$15.00	$1.35
WHISKY.		
SCOTCH, F.O.S. Dakin—a blend of the finest Whiskies produced in Scotland, matured in Sherry Wood ..... *white capsule*	$10.00	$1.00
BENAVON—a fine blend with a decided peat reek, entirely free from Fusel Oil, 5 years old, square bottle..... *gold capsule*	$ 7.00	$0.65
IRISH. KINAHAN'S L.L. AND DUNVILLE'S.		
BOURBON—Stonewall	$10.00	$1.00
" Tiltons	$14.00	$1.25

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HONGKONG, LONDON, AMOY. [a24

PORTLAND CEMENT.

J. B. WHITE & BROS.
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA,
HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1893. [2145

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS,

MANILA.

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The Steamers of the Compania Trasatlantica from Barcelona to Manila and vice versa will call at Lisbon every 22 days and will receive Cargo and Passengers there. [553

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
THURSDAY, the 29th OCTOBER, 1891,
at 2.30 P.M.,
at No. 11, BELLIOS TERRACE,

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

Comprising:—

TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE.
MARBLE-TOP and CHINA PAINTED TOP TABLES, CHIMNEY GLASSES, PICTURES, and ORNAMENTS.
TEAKWOOD DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with Glass Back, and WHATNOT; VIENNA ARM CHAIRS.
GLASS BOOK-CASE and BOOKS.
CROCKERY, GLASS, and PLATED WARE.
English made OAK BEDROOM FURNITURE.
IRON BEDSTEADS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBE with Glass Doors, CHEVAL GLASS, CHEST of DRAWERS, TOILET TABLE and GLASS, and MARBLE-TOP WASHSTAND.
SUNDRY PLANTS in Pots,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [2414

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
SATURDAY, the 31st OCTOBER, 1891,
at 2.30 P.M.,
at their SALES ROOMS, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL.

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Oct. 26, GLENEARN, British str., 1,409, Robt. Hogg, Foochow 24th October, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Oct. 26, ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, Hygom, Haiphong 23rd Oct., and Hoihow 25th, General.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Oct. 26, PICCIOLA, German str., 875, E. Hass, Canton 26th Oct., General.—MELCHERS & Co.
Oct. 26, HAIPHONG, British str., 1,122, H. C. A. Harris, Swatow 25th October, Ballast.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Oct. 26, VERONA, British str., 1,876, F. H. Seymour, Yokohama and Nagasaki 22nd Oct., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Oct., 26, ZAFIRO, British str., 675, A. W. R. Cobban, Manila 23rd October, General.—SHEWAN & Co.
Oct. 26, GLENSHIEL, British steamer, 2,240, R. D. Jones, London 11th Sept., and Singapore 20th Oct., General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Oct. 26, TAICHOONG, German steamer, 828, P. Duhme, Samarang 17th Oct., Sugar.—MEYER & Co.
Oct. 26, ESPANA, Spanish str., 594, P. de Zavala, Iloilo 22nd Oct., General.—ORDER.
Oct. 26, PESHAWUR, British steamer, Wheler, Bombay, and Singapore 21st Oct., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Oct. 26, FRIGGA, German steamer, 1,400, Nagel, Yokohama, and Kobe 21st Oct., General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.
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Haiphong, French str., for Haiphong.
Picciola, German str., for Wuhu.

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 26, WHAMPOA, British str., for Wuhu.
Oct. 26, ASHINGTON, German str., for Canton.
Oct. 26, PAOTING, British str., for Shanghai.
Oct. 26, HAIPHONG, French str., for Haiphong.

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DEATH.

On the 23rd October, at the Government Civil Hospital, ALEXANDER AIE, second engineer of steamer *Kiang-kwan*, aged 55. [2429

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 27TH, 1891.

THE proximate cause of recent commercial failures in the Far East has been, not the depreciation, but the violent fluctuation in the value of silver. This, the last, is apparently the greatest danger which besets the path of the legitimate trader, for it is difficult for the most prudent altogether to guard against it. Foreign trade in China and Japan has been deflected like a river into sinuous courses by the successive obstacles it has encountered, and it is probably still a long way from the tranquil ocean of assured prosperity. But as it is part and parcel of the hopeful nature of man to live on illusions, each stage of the progress has appeared to those engaged in it to be almost, if not quite, the last; but were even the silver difficulty to be solved the goal would probably be now as far distant as ever. The present phase of commercial affairs can only therefore be considered as belonging to an indefinite series, and not as even approximating finality.

When the old merchant princes made and lost fortunes every year in their grandiose ventures with the nonchalance of poker players they probably held the timid commission agent in some contempt, but the humble but solid houses working rigorously on commission came to be recognized as the true representatives of the stability of commerce. They would run no risk: they knew exactly where they stood, and if their earnings were not excessive they were at least safe, and afforded the basis of a generous expenditure. This confidence, the natural result of a reaction from speculative losses, was not, so far as the China and Japan trades were concerned, very long-lived. The strict commission business was soon found to be about the most ruinous of all, because the party who had eventually to pay the bill had lost his control over the operations. The party who assumed the position of principal and bore all the risk of markets was naturally the impecunious one; but the commission agent, when he had once accepted the drafts, became virtually the principal, and sold or held the goods to suit his own finance and not for the interest of the impecunious owner. Naturally under such a system the said owner soon became unable to pay up his shortfalls, and the balance was finally redressed by the commission agent himself bearing all the loss. Not quite "finally," either, for the whirligig of time had yet another revenge in store for the virtuous but suffering commission agent. He in turn, becoming impoverished by the shortcomings of his clients, failed to meet his acceptances, which were thereupon returned on the drawers, thus causing the whole combination to collapse; and so "pure commission" was discovered to be as hollow as the wildest speculation had been. Both systems being thus discredited, a new alternative was devised by the mother of mercantile invention, and a scheme of business was introduced, by the aid of steam and electricity, whereby nobody was to run any risk at all. This was the indent or firm offer system, whose theory was that merchandize was bought and sold simultaneously in the two hemispheres; and this is the stage at which the foreign trade of China and Japan may be said to have now arrived. Of course there is no chronological landmark which definitely cuts off one period from another; but as the stone age overlaps the bronze and the bronze the iron age, the three in fact co-existing, so do these various systems of commerce merge gradually the one into the other, and live on together.

Prima facie nothing could be safer than the indent or firm offer system, if carefully and conscientiously worked, and it is no wonder if even prudent firms should have allowed their transactions to assume large proportions in reliance on the essential soundness of their foundation. The foreign merchant in China receives by wire an offer of certain goods well known to his native clients which he is able to sell to them at a price which leaves him a small margin for profit, and he thereupon books his contract simultaneously at both ends. He is not exactly on even terms with the other parties to the transaction, unless he has a middleman to guarantee the manufacturer, who usually reserves to himself the licence to retard delivery of goods in certain contingencies; but that is not such a fruitful source of dispute in this country as it is in India, where the refined Hindu intellect is as fertile in cavil as a London produce dealer. The real danger to the foreign merchant is in the fluctuations in exchange. Having to buy in gold while he sells in silver, the accommodation between the two metals is the most serious difficulty he has to contend with. The first impulse of the merchant is naturally to fix his exchange at the time of making his contract, by which means he can calculate his profit in advance to a nicety, and may sleep comfortably on his contracts. In ordinary times no doubt the theory and practice nearly correspond. But the times through which we have been lately passing are extraordinary, and the variations in the relative values of silver and gold have been severe enough to put a strain on the credit and good faith of all who are under their influence. When the goods contracted for arrive, from three to six months after contract, with their dollar cost fixed, perhaps an enormous rise in silver has taken place which enables subsequent shipments of goods to be made, or competing goods which arrive free of exchange, to be sold, at a much lower dollar cost. What are the Chinese or Japanese buyers to do under such stress of circumstances? First they delay receiving and paying for their dear bargains and finally the weaker in purse or morals tacitly repudiate their contracts. In China the repudiation will be rare, in Japan common, for the Japanese trader seems not yet to have learned to face a loss honestly. But in any case the foreign importer suffers severely, perhaps ruinously, and he suffers because he took all the precautions against loss which a prudent merchant can be expected to take.

But suppose, on the other hand, that the importer concludes his contract for goods—buying in gold sovereigns and selling in silver dollars, leaving to the chance of the market the ultimate adjustment between the two. He must even in that case assume a rate of exchange as a basis for his contract. When his goods arrive, however, the bottom has perhaps once more fallen out of the silver market, and in order to discharge his obligation in sterling money the merchant requires so many more silver dollars than he reckoned upon. Possibly the open market for goods would allow of his obtaining higher prices. But unfortunately the market is closed against him. He is bound by contract to deliver his goods at the rates which the fall in exchange has rendered unprofitable and has no means whatever of recouping himself for the deficiency. The conclusion to which we are forced by the observation of passing events is that the haven of safety is about as far beyond the reach of merchants in these days as it ever was. The conditions of trade have changed, but not in a sense favourable to the traders. The opportunities of making large profits have been done away with without giving place to the security for small profits which would have been a welcome compensation. The royal road to fortune is not for the many, but the few; the conditions of commercial success are as prosaic as they ever were; and business is perhaps more than ever a struggle for existence.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 12.15 p.m. yesterday.

The P. & O. steamer *Thibet* left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst. at 8.30 a.m.

The export of arms from Macao to China has been prohibited for six months dating from the 17th inst.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patinurus* left Singapore yesterday morning and may be expected here on the 2nd prox.

H. B. M.'s cruiser *Severn* arrived at Nagasaki from Korea on the 17th inst. and was followed by the despatch-vessel *Alacrity* from the same place.

It is reported in the Japan papers that the steamer *Taiko-maru*, belonging to the Great Lake Steamship Company, has been sold to the Korean Government for $65,000.

The P. & O. steamer *Peshawur* arrived yesterday morning with the English mail. Having a case of small-pox on board she went into quarantine, but it is expected that she will be released to-day.

The Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the R.M.S. *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, Yokohama, and Kobe, sailed from Shanghai for this port on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

A proclamation has been issued by the Governor-General of the Philippines declaring the state of health at Singapore, Hongkong, Amoy, and Shanghai satisfactory and freeing arrivals from those ports from quarantine.

The *Japan Gazette* says that in response to a telegram from the Japanese Minister in Peking on the 14th inst., the man-of-war *Tenryo* has been ordered to China and was to leave Kure Naval Headquarters on the 17th or 18th inst.

We are requested to remind our readers of the sale of work on behalf of the Baxter Mission Schools at the City Hall at three o'clock this afternoon. By permission of Colonel Chater and the Officers the Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will be in attendance.

Prince di Cariati, *Chargé d'Affaires* for Italy at Tokyo, and Princess di Cariati, arrived here yesterday by the P. & O. steamer *Verona* from Japan on their way home. Major-General Sir Charles Warren, Commanding the Forces at Singapore, was also a passenger.

The Agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) inform us that the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Sachsen*, Capt. Ho. Supmer, carrying the German mails dated Berlin, 29th September, left Singapore on the 25th inst. at 10 a.m., and is due here on Friday morning, the 30th inst.

Referring to a suggestion for the establishment of a Matrimonial Causes Court in the Straits the *Penang Gazette* quotes one individual as stating that he knows at least seven other persons besides himself who would avail themselves of the Court were such within reach. Things domestic appear to be in rather a bad way in the southern colony.

The Band of the 1st A. and S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

March	"Le Pere la Victoire"	Ganne.
Valse	"Alberthe"	Rosati.
Selection	"Rem. of Verdi"	Godfrey.
Cornet Solo	"La Deyinadi Golconda"	Donizetti.
Selection	"The Grand Duchess"	Offenbach.

In connection with the Imaris Mines we are informed that advices received by this mail from Messrs. J. Whittall & Co. state that a further 100 tons of ore extracted from the San José mine yielded 45 oz. silver, $5 gold, and 9 per cent. copper per ton, and that 3 tons selected ore taken from the same mine yielded 625 oz. silver, $60 gold, and 45 per cent. copper per ton. It was expected that the work at the mines would be in full progress early in November.

The appointment of Captain Somerville, the King's Own (Royal Lancaster) Regiment, as aide-de-camp to General Cameron at the Cape, has, says the *Broad Arrow*, caused some comment. This young officer is a relative of the General's, and previously served in the same capacity when General Cameron was in command at Hongkong. He has seen very little service with his regiment, and had much better have been retained with the corps to acquire a little practical experience of soldiering. When at Hongkong Lieutenant Somerville was the best paid subaltern in the British Army, for including colonial, staff, and other allowances, he drew upwards of 30s. per diem. Captain Somerville is credited with being the editor of a capital little work, "The Mark Twain Birthday Book." Perhaps he will now find leisure to produce another—from Dickens for example!

Telegraphic news has been received in Tokyo, says the *Japan Mail*, that Captain T. W. Blakiston died on the 17th instant in the United States. The cause of death is not stated. Captain Blakiston was only about 57 years of age at the time of his decease. He began his career in the Royal Artillery, obtaining his commission shortly before the Crimean War, for which he received the medal. He subsequently served in the campaign against China in 1860, obtaining another medal, and his well-known book on the districts of the Upper Yangtze secured for him the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society. Employed for over two years by the British Government on a magnetical survey in Hudson's Bay, his work showed so much ability that it was proposed to put him in nomination for the Royal Society, but with characteristic modesty he declined the honour. Another subject in which he attained much distinction was ornithology. In addition to these scientific proclivities, which he followed with such distinction for himself and advantage to the public, he was a man of great business energy and enterprise, though, unfortunately for his financial success, Yezo, the scene of his commercial labours, did not fulfil the expectations he had formed of its immediate future. Throughout a long career in the East Captain Blakiston earned always increasing respect and affection, and the intelligence of his death will be received with sincere sorrow by a very wide circle of friends.

The Singapore papers report the mysterious disappearance of Mr. J. D. Vaughan, advocate and solicitor, one of the oldest inhabitants of Singapore and highly respected. He was returning from Perak, where he had been on a visit to his daughter, and left Telok Anson by the steamer *Malacca* on the evening of the 17th inst. His son-in-law, Dr. Wheeler, went to see him off, and he was apparently in the best of spirits. After dinner he was chatting with the captain until about nine o'clock, when the latter retired, leaving Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Van Cuylenberg together. The latter also went to his cabin shortly afterwards and all trace of Mr. Vaughan is lost from half-past nine. He must have gone down to his berth, for his jacket was hung up, with his keys and watch, but the rest of the clothing he had on has disappeared with him, and his bunk had not been slept in. Apparently he went below and took off his jacket, returning on deck. What became of him afterwards is a mystery. The railing of the *Malacca* is exceptionally high and no slip made by the missing gentleman could have carried him overboard. There is absolutely no trace of how he disappeared: the men on watch heard nothing to alarm them on deck, and the cabin windows would not allow of the passage of a man. The vessel anchored early in the morning at Port Dickson, and on the steward searching for Mr. Vaughan to tell him that a sea bath (for which he had previously made arrangement) was ready for him, was unable to find him. Needless to say the ship was thoroughly searched, but without result, and the conclusion must be arrived at that Mr. Vaughan fell overboard. Mr. Vaughan commenced life as a midshipman in the Bengal Marine and had a good deal of hard experience in the China war in the forties. Afterwards he joined the civil service of the Straits, and while holding the office of Police Magistrate he went home and read for the Bar in the Middle Temple, and was called to the Singapore Bar on his return by Sir Benson Maxwell, without the customary notice or formalities—a mark of especial respect and favour. Some misunderstanding or grievance induced Mr. Vaughan to retire from the civil service, although at one time he was Acting Puisne Judge. Leaving the service he commenced private practice, first in partnership with Mr. E. Koek. Since that time Mr. Vaughan has been well known in Singapore and, at one time, he attained some reputation as an advocate. Mr. Vaughan was Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and he had the opportunity a short time ago of becoming District Grand Master, but he waived the honour in favour of Sir Charles Warren. Mr. Vaughan was highly esteemed by the Masonic fraternity.

There were 1,834 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 174 were Europeans.

The Singapore Secretary of the Raub Australian Syndicate, Mr. G. A. Derrick, has received advices by telegram from Brisbane that the additional ten head of stamps for the Raub Battery recommended by Mr. Bibby have been ordered. Delivery has been promised by the contractors in Australia on the 15th of November. The additional stamping power can be run with the present engine.

Various reports were in circulation yesterday regarding Mr. E. L. Woodin, the Superintendent of the P. & O. Company, who left for Japan some days ago. On inquiry we were unable to find any foundation for the report that he had committed suicide, but circumstances point to the fact that he does not intend to return to the colony voluntarily. Mr. Woodin during his long residence in Hongkong has enjoyed universal respect, but he has unfortunately become heavily involved by speculating in shares, in connection with which it is believed his conduct may lead to serious charges.

We take the following items from the *London and China Express* of the 25th ult.:—

The Chinese Minister, accompanied by Sir Halliday Macartney, visited the Foreign Office on the 18th inst.

An Admiralty announcement in the *Gazette* notifies the promotion of Vice-Admiral Sir N. Salmon, K.C.B., lately Commander-in-Chief of the British Naval Force in China, to be Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Commander George G. Hunt, who served in China, being present at the destruction of the Fatshan flotilla of war junks and at the capture of Canton, has been awarded the Lieutenant's Naval Pension of £50 a year, rendered vacant by the death of Commander Richard E. Bullen.

The *Pallas*, cruiser, Captain M'Leod, which has been detained at Portsmouth for the purpose of being fitted with sounding tubes for the double bottom and leading blocks on the weather deck, anchored at Spithead yesterday morning and shipped her powder and shell. She will be inspected by the Commander-in-Chief today, and will leave to-morrow for the China Station.

The statement that the Russian Government does not intend to join the other Powers in their common action against China, should such be necessary, for fear of giving offence to so near a neighbour, is, we believe, incorrect. Russia is not primarily concerned, in so far as none of her subjects have been injured, but she is perfectly willing to act in concert with the other Powers, and not to stand aloof.

A dinner was given on the 21st inst. at the Siamese Legation in honour of the King's birthday. Those connected with the Legation, including Siamese students, both girls and boys, who had come from all parts of the United Kingdom, assembled to the number of forty-four to do honour to the occasion. Prince Damrong, brother of the King, who is now on a visit to this country and to the other Courts of Europe, presided, and was supported by the four young Princes, sons of the King, who are now being educated in England, also by Phra Dithakar, Chargé d'Affaires. After dinner Prince Damrong proposed "The health of the King of Siam," and of "The Queen of England," both of which toasts were cordially received by the whole company present.

On the 21st inst. a crowded meeting was held at Exeter Hall to bid farewell to twenty-six ladies and gentlemen who are going out from various parts of England as missionaries to China. Mr. James E. Mathieson presided. Among those present were Lord Kinnaird, Dr. Broomhall, Dr. M'Killan, Mr. Gawin Kirkham (of the open-air mission), Mr. Stanley Smith, Mr. Robert Paton, Dr. Baedeker, and others. Mr. Theodore Howard offered the opening prayer. The Chairman read the first few and the last few verses in the Epistle to the Romans, and said that he rejoiced to see present so large a number of young people who had given themselves up to the Lord's work, and were going forth to the China mission field, in response to a petition from the Shanghai congress for 1,000 missionaries to be sent to China in five years. The Christians in England were under great obligations to China, more so than to India. India had been plundered, but China had been poisoned, and, what was worse, the Chinese had been taught to poison themselves. There were thousands of families ruined and in a state of hopeless despair through the opium trade in China. Mr. Broomhall, the secretary, said the condition of things in China was not so bad as it had been, and much that had appeared in the daily papers was incorrect, as a letter (which he read) from the Rev. Griffith John stated that a document had been issued from Honan, where so many of those troubles had arisen, declaring that Christianity, Buddhism, &c., were to be placed on an equal footing, and he accorded the same privileges, so that things were much improved, and the very troubles and disorders were proving blessings. He then introduced the missionaries.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[FROM THE "STRAITS TIMES."]

LONDON, 17th October.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Sydney Government has been defeated on the question of the eight hours mines bill and it is thought probable that the Premier, Sir Henry Parkes, will resign.

[By last advices from New South Wales, Sir Harry Parkes was only holding office by the grace of the labour party, who hold one-third of the seats in the lower house of parliament, but their support depended on his favouring socialist legislation which they had in view. The Minister of Mines brought in the House in the middle of last month a bill to regulate coal mines which embodied the eight hours-a-day labour principle, forbidding the employment of women and girls in them, and fixing the hours of employment for young persons.]

LONDON, 19th October.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

There is uneasiness at Peking in consequence of the Russian movements in the Pamirs, and the Chinese Ambassador at St. Petersburg has been instructed to ask for explanations regarding the presence of the Russian force near the Chinese factory at that place.

POLICE COURT.

26th October.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE.

SINGULAR CHARGE OF DRUGGING.

Four Chinamen, Wong Tsung, Wong Fong, Chan Cheung, and Wong Wing, were charged by Wong Sing, a boilermaker, and others, with causing the complainants to take poison with intent thereby to rob them, on the 22nd October, at Hunghom.

Complainant said that on the 22nd October, a little after 5 o'clock, whilst at meal he partook of a dish of rock fish and a dish of turnips boiled. After taking the two dishes he felt giddy. The food was bought at the expense of the first defendant, who had lost a bet upon a little matter under discussion. He proposed the dishes and witness went out to buy them. They were prepared in the kitchen. The first defendant did not eat any of them. He noticed particularly that he only ate one bowl of rice instead of his usual three. All the first three defendants are boilermakers and live in the same house as witness. They were also very sick. Witness became insensible and did not regain consciousness until he reached the Government hospital. The first defendant went into the kitchen himself and brought the soup, which he ladled out. He also took two pieces of turnip and pretended to eat them, but said they were hard and put them back again. After that he ate nothing more.

Dr. Atkinson, Superintendent of the Civil Hospital, said—On the 22nd October about ten minutes past ten eight men, not the defendants, were admitted to the hospital. They were all suffering from symptoms of poisoning. They were all more or less delirious and from the symptoms exhibited I came to the conclusion that they had been poisoned by *datura alba*, a plant which grows wild in Hongkong. The symptoms were those of delirium, intoxication, unsteady gait, dilated pupils, and pulse quickened. It is evidently a poison which acts powerfully on the nervous system. An emetic was administered to seven of the men, who vomited matter in which I found parts of the plant, which I recognised as *datura alba*. I have no hesitation in saying that from the symptoms they had all partaken of the same plant. The patients next day all said that they remembered nothing after sitting down to the feed. The object appears to be to stupify and not to kill.

Several witnesses were called, describing the sensations experienced when the poison first commenced to operate. Tam Ho, the wife of Wong Sing, who was one of the guests, said that on several occasions the first defendant had said that he wanted to stupify them in order to obtain the $100 or $200 which they had in the house.

Eventually the case was remanded for a fortnight.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR.
Major-General G. DIGBY BARKER, C.B.
Hon. W. M. GOODMAN, Acting Colonial Secretary.
Hon. A. J. LEACH, Acting Attorney-General.
Hon. J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Registrar-General.
Hon. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Colonial Treasurer.
Hon. F. A. COOPER, Acting Surveyor-General.
Hon. P. RYRIE.
Hon. HO KAI.
Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW CENTRAL MARKET.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following questions, which were answered by the Acting Colonial Secretary:—

(1.)—In view of the statement, made by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, at the last meeting of Council, to the effect that further delay in the matter of the proposed New Central Market involves large and continual loss to the revenue such delay must certainly be avoided, will the Government lay upon the table a report shewing the amount of work done to the said proposed New Market since 17th August last to 30th September, 1891, and its present condition, and inform the Council *(a)*—If plans and designs for the proposed New Central Market have been decided upon?

The amount of work done in the construction of the New Central Market between the 17th of August and the 30th September was the preparation of about 2,000 cubic feet of granite for the superstructure. Plans and designs have been decided on.

(b.)—If so which have been selected—whether those of the Honourable the Surveyor-General which were disapproved of by Sir Wm. Des Vœux, or those of the professional architect (Mr. H. W. Wills) sent out from England to Hongkong at the request of this Government by the Crown Agents, prepared by him at the special request of Sir Wm. Des Vœux?

The plans prepared by the Surveyor-General with slight modifications, including the suggestion of the Public Works Committee, have been selected. The Government is not aware that Sir William Des Vœux expressed disapproval of Mr. Brown's plans as regards which he stated in Legislative Council on 12th February, 1890, that "his impressions were all in their favour."

(c)—Has Chang Kee's tender referred to in the resolution of the Honourable J. J. Keswick of 21st July last, or the tender of any other contractor for the superstructure or building of the proposed New Central Market over the foundations been accepted?

(d)—If so, what is the amount of the tender accepted?

As negotiations are not yet completed it is considered inexpedient to reply to these questions at present.

(e)—Whether the plans and detailed statements have been prepared for the whole building complete in every respect, or whether the objectionable system has again been followed of preparing plans, etc., for only a part or portion and leaving the additional aggregate cost a totally unknown quantity?

Plans and elevations of the building have been completed, but the details of the internal fittings, such as stalls, &c., are not yet ready.

(2.)—Will the Government lay on the table a complete statement or return of the amount of monies expended to 30th September, 1891, and the sums then due although not expended—

(a)—In the purchase of the site for the proposed New Central Market?

Reply will be found in the attached tabular statement ($153,058).

(b)—In the preparation of the ground and foundations?

Reply will be found in the attached tabular statement ($32,037).

(c)—Of all other expenditure, including the cost of bringing out from London to Hongkong and the salary of the architect (Mr. H. W. Wills), the return to show the dates of disbursements and the loss in interest to the ratepayers on the respective amounts to 30th ultimo, also an estimate of the total monies still required to complete the work, and the probable date of completion?

The expenditure incurred for the services of Mr. Wills as Architectural Assistant, who was not engaged exclusively for the Central Market but to assist in connection with Government buildings generally, is as follows:—

Agreement,	£ 10.9	
Passage to Hongkong,	£45. 0.0	
	£45.10.9 =	$ 287.63
Half salary during voyage,		189.51
Salary from 1st March to 30th June,		1,087.17
Total,		$1,564.31

The estimate of the total monies still required to complete the work is shewn in the tabular statement ($239,962).

CIVIL HOSPITAL STAFF QUARTERS.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following questions, the answers to which are appended:—

(3.)—With reference to the statement of the Honourable the Surveyor-General at a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 11th December, 1890, to the effect that the Civil Hospital Staff Quarters or the residence for the Assistant Surgeon, Apothecary, Nursing Staff and others connected with the hospital, though being built on a larger scale than is perhaps necessary, but then (about ten months ago) nearly completed, will the Government lay on the table a statement or return shewing when the building was completed; if not yet completed, why not; if not completed, the probable date when it will be ready for occupation; total amount of monies expended to 30th September, 1891; and the sums then due although not actually paid; *(a)*—In the purchase of the building; *(b)*—In the preparation of the ground and foundations, and *(c)*—Of all other expenditure in connection with the building; also an estimate of the total monies still required, if any, to complete the work?

The Civil Hospital Staff Quarters are not yet completed. Some difficulty has been experienced in getting the contractor to proceed with the work as rapidly as was anticipated. Replies to the remainder of this question will be found in the tabular statement attached. (Preparation of foundations, $13,272; money expended to 30th September, 350.734; money due 30th September, $5,668; amount required to complete, $3,844, probable date of completion, March, 1892.)

(4.) Is it intended to utilise (or convert any portion of the Civil Hospital Staff Quarters building or palace into an addition of the Civil Hospital, and if so, how much, as recommended by the unofficial members in their memorandum addressed to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government regarding the estimates for public works extraordinary for 1891, and dated 20th December, 1890?

After careful consideration and communication with the Colonial Surgeon it has been found impracticable to convert any portion of the Civil Hospital Staff Quarters into an addition to the Civil Hospital for the direct treatment of patients.

LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR CHINESE.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following question, the answer to which is appended:—

(5.)—With reference to the Honourable the Surveyor-General's statement at the meeting of Finance Committee held on 11th December last, to the effect that the building to be used as the Lunatic Asylum for Chinese was well advanced, will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing—when the building was completed; if not completed, why not; and when it will be completed; if completed, when was it occupied; if not occupied, why not; and the total amount of monies expended to 30th September, 1891, in the purchase of the site and the cost of the building, also the sums then due although not actually paid, and an estimate of the further amount, if any, still required to complete the building?

This building is completed and was occupied on the 26th of September, the patients having been transferred from the European Asylum during the carrying out of repairs to that building. The replies as to expenditure will be found in the tabular statement attached. (Money expended to 30th September, $17,017; money due, $1,680.)

LIGHTHOUSE ON GAP ROCK.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following questions, the reply to which is appended:—

(6.)—Will the Government inform the Council:—*(a)* Whether the cable to connect the Lighthouse on Gap Rock with Hongkong has been ordered; *(b)* If so, when will it be laid; *(c)* What is the total amount of monies actually expended, including the cost of the *Fame*, in connection with the construction of the Lighthouse works on Gap Rock to 30th September, 1891; *(d)* The sums due on 30th ultimo although not actually paid; and *(e)* An estimate of the further amount of money still required to complete the work, and the probable date of completion?

The cable has not yet been ordered. For answers to the rest of this question see tabular statement. Money expended to 30th September, $152,327; due, $9,652; required to complete, $19,000; probable date of completion, March, 1892.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE, SHEEP AND PIG DEPOTS, &c.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following question—Will the Government lay upon the table a statement shewing the actual amount of money expended to 30th September, 1891, in the purchase of the site, the preparation of foundations, and the construction of the Slaughter-House and Sheep and Pig Depots, the sums then due although not actually paid, and an estimate of the further amount of money still required to complete the building, also the probable date of completion, and will the Government give the Council similar information and particulars regarding the following works:—Site for proposed New Western Market; Shaukiwan Market; Cattle Depot Extension; Public Laundries; Public Latrines; Police Station at Aberdeen; Police Station at Quarry Bay; Police Station at Kennedy Town; District Schools; Quarters for the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department; Training Albany Nullah and New Roads and Preparatory Work Kennedy Road Sites; the reconstruction of the Praya Bridge over Bowrington Canal and improvements on Recreation Ground, Happy Valley?

The reply was given in the form of a tabular statement.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S STAFF.

In reply to a question by the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD, a return was laid on the table of all officers and others now employed in the Honourable the Surveyor-General's department, with the dates of engagement, terms, and conditions of service, rate of salary, rate of increase and allowances, if any, and a detailed statement of the duties performed by each.

THE OPIUM AND GAMBLING ORDINANCES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said—I have thus dealt with the eight questions which the hon. member asked. Another list of three questions has since been forwarded. As regards the first and second of those the preparation of the answers will involve a very great deal of labour, and I am informed that it will not be possible to answer them for some time. It will occupy two clerks a good many days in endeavouring to ascertain the particulars required. The questions I refer to are:—"Will the Government lay on the table a list of the excise officers appointed by the Governor under Section 5 of the Opium Ordinance of 1884; a statement shewing the number of convictions for offences against the Opium Ordinance from the date of the commencement of the existing opium farm to 30th September last; the amount of fines levied; the amount of fines collected; the number of persons imprisoned in default of payment of fine, with the periods of their imprisonment and the cost to Government of their detention in gaol; the number of persons now in prison for such offences; the quantity of opium seized and confiscated during the same period, and how disposed of? Will the Government lay on the table a list of the number of convictions for offences against the new Gambling Ordinance since the date it came into force to 30th September last; the amount of fines levied; the amount of fines collected; the number of persons imprisoned in default of payment of fine, with the periods of their imprisonment and the cost to Government of their detention in gaol; and the number of persons now in prison for such offences?" These in the course of a few weeks it may be possible to answer; the other question I am prepared to answer now if the hon. member will put it.

THE PAY OF INDIAN CONSTABLES.

Mr. WHITEHEAD then asked—Will the Government lay upon the table the petition received from the Indian members of the Police Force asking for an increase of pay, and state on what grounds a reasonable increase has been refused, seeing that no increase has been granted the Indian portion of the force since it was raised, while the European members have had three increases and the Chinese one increase?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—His Excellency the Acting Governor, after mature consideration of the petition, decided that there were not sufficient grounds to justify him in raising the salary of the men referred to, whose pay compares favourably with that of similar bodies in other places, especially Singapore. His Excellency, in the interests of discipline, deems it inexpedient to publish a petition of this kind, thereby reopening subjects which have received careful consideration by the responsible authorities and have been disposed of.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I will just mention that the hon. member is not responsible for the very long time that has been taken up in the Council by the answering of these questions, because he expressed his willingness to have them laid upon the table. I thought, however, that it would be desirable to have them read in order that hon. members may realise the enormous trouble and time which has been spent in preparing the answers to those voluminous questions, which have taken three quarters of an hour to read. If these questions are likely to be continued, it will be a serious consideration whether or not the staff of our civil servants is to be increased by a number of men or whether their salaries must be raised—to which I know the hon. member is not partial—in recognition of the extra hours and overtime which this work entails. I may also say that I think with a little trouble a large amount of the information asked is obtainable by a little research in blue books and statements which have already been published.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1892.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the first reading of the Appropriation Bill for 1892.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE INCORPORATION OF THE SENIOR MISSIONARY.

Hon. HO KAI—I beg to move that the Council do now go into Committee on the Bill for the incorporation of the senior missionary in Hongkong of the London Missionary Society.

Hon. P. RYRIE—I have much pleasure in seconding it.

The Council then went into Committee.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I understand that His Excellency is perfectly satisfied with the proof of the appointment of the senior missionary. That was the only matter, I believe, remaining. Satisfactory proof has been furnished and the title deeds have been produced, so that everything is in order, as far as I know.

Hon. HO KAI—There is no alteration in the Bill, and I beg to move the third reading.

Hon. P. RYRIE—I second that.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY—I saw Dr. Chalmers on the Friday and he furnished me with all the necessary credentials of his appointment.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE PREPARED OPIUM ORDINANCE.

The Council went into Committee on this Bill.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL said—The first clause which has to be dealt with is section 8. It was suggested by the senior hon. member at the last meeting of the Council that some provision should be made for the instant dismissal of every excise officer convicted of giving or accepting a bribe. As the appointment of the excise officers is in the hands of the Governor I do not think it would be at all advisable to tie his hands in this matter. The Governor must be supposed to do his duty in such matters and some discretion must be left to him. It was also suggested that in the case of an excise officer accepting a bribe $100 fine was not an appropriate penalty. The section is taken from the Police Consolidation Bill, where police officers guilty of misconduct or who do not return their uniform and accoutrements on retirement are liable to a fine of $200 or three months' imprisonment. The excise officer accepting a bribe, I take it, is in a somewhat different position to the police officer guilty of the same same offence. The excise officer is really appointed by the Governor to look after the interests of the opium farmer and prevent smuggling and the Government therefore thought that $100 was sufficient penalty for him apart from any question of whether he be dismissed or not, and I may remind the hon member who commented on this section that if the $100 fine is not paid it would render any person liable to imprisonment with hard labour, not exceeding six months. However, I propose to add to the section relating to the penalties the words "In addition to any other punishment to which he may be liable." That makes it somewhat more severe, I think.

Hon. P. RYRIE—I might inform our Acting Attorney-General that $100 fine on a man who has taken a bribe is an amount which would be freely paid by others; not by him.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—It seems to me that an excise officer who takes a bribe will not be in the same position as a police officer who accepts a bribe. By common law taking or offering a bribe is punishable by fine and imprisonment. Here a fine is imposed, and if not paid, imprisonment. The hon. member objects to the fine of only $100 and thinks that it is not large enough. Will he propose a larger sum? The excise officer is of course in every ordinary case liable to be dismissed. I think that as the appointment is in the Governor's hands it is inexpedient to interfere.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I am inclined to support the remark from the senior non-official member. I think it would be much better if the fine was made $200.

Hon. P. RYRIE—I second that. I would like it to be larger. A man can easily get $100 or $200.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I propose then that these words be added—"Shall on summary conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding $200 or three months' imprisonment in the discretion of the Magistrate with or without hard labour." If the case was very aggravated the Magistrate could deal with it accordingly.

Hon. HO KAI—I beg to support the amendment. It is immaterial, I think, whether the fine be fixed at $100 or $200, but I think it will have a very good effect to confer on the Magistrate the power to impose either fine or imprisonment, because it is understood that in some cases a man might pay his fine out of the bribe he received, and if the Magistrate was satisfied that it was a clear case he could inflict imprisonment without the option of a fine. That would be an adequate punishment, and I think that the Government will support the suggestion that the Magistrate should have this discretion.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—As far as I can see I do not think it is a matter of very great importance, but if the amendment as suggested is put in I think it would be better to differentiate between the case of an excise officer accepting a bribe and the one who omits to surrender his clothes and accoutrements.

The hon. mover and seconder of the amendment agreed to the suggestion and the clause as am

member who has just sat down. During the search a number of persons besides the excise officers and the European constable enter the house, I am told. I scarcely think it is right of the legislature to leave a matter of this kind dependent on a departmental order that may be cancelled at any time. The mischief and evil that may be worked by informers and their associates are dreaded by the respectable Chinese.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—I am sorry I am not able to agree with the views of my hon. friend. In the first place it would be utterly impracticable to carry out what my hon. friend on my left suggests. If every time a house was searched, the officer was to be searched in front of the house, from what I know of Chinese, I think it would be very unlikely that there would be any opium there by the time the officers got upstairs. The police apparently guard against any opium being planted by the officers, and I think the Council may rest assured that your Excellency or who ever holds the reins of Government here will not treat the inhabitants of this colony so badly as to aid any improper conduct on the part of informers or excise officers by withdrawing any order made by the Police which is useful.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—I think there must be some mistake when the hon. member says that a number of Chinese have come to him and complained. As an officer who sees more of Chinese than any other officer in Hongkong, I may say I have never yet had one single complaint with regard to this matter, although I have had complaints of all kinds and descriptions.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY said it seemed to him that the suggestion of searching was more or less an insult to the excise officers. There might be black sheep among them but he thought it probable there were also black sheep among those who did not want their houses entered.

The Council then divided on Hon. Ho Kai's amendment:—

For.	Against.
Hon. T. H. Whitehead	The Surveyor-General
Hon. Ho Kai	The Colonial Treasurer
Hon. P. Ryrie	The Registrar General
	The Acting Attorney-General
	The Acting Colonial Secretary
	His Excellency

The amendment was therefore lost and the clause as it originally stood passed.

On Section 34, which deals with the liabilities of masters, owners, and consignees when illicit opium is found on board ship,

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL said—I have to propose a slight amendment in this clause. On the last occasion the senior unofficial member was good enough to say that to make the consignee liable was ridiculous. Well, I dare say it is in his mind, but all the same it was put in with an object. The object perhaps is unnecessary on further consideration. There is a similar clause in the Vagrancy Ordinance; there is a similar clause in the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance. In this case it is perhaps not necessary, because if any opium is found on board the master will naturally be gut-at-able. I therefore propose to omit the word consignee from the section. The Government have given a good deal of consideration to this clause, and if shipowners and those interested would only meet the Opium Farmer and would allow his excise officers to go on board the Government could delete the clause altogether. The clause as it stands, however, is really no hardship, because if reasonable and proper precautions are taken there is no liability.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—I may say that I have made enquiries from a gentleman who is well informed and I find that something like 20 chests are smuggled from Macao every month. The profit made on each of these chests is about $800. Therefore, $12,000 a month, or $144,000 a year, is the loss to the Opium Farmer on this account alone.

Hon. P. RYRIE—I should like to know the name of the gentleman who gave you that information, because I am certain it is incorrect.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I move that this clause stand over for further consideration. I am not prepared to move any amendment at present, but I think the clause is capable of modification. To make owners and agents responsible for their servants and officers on board ship is, I think, carrying legislation a little too far. I think it is very wrong that they should be fined for what takes place on board and what they are powerless to help.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Surely it is not too much to ask that they should take reasonable precautions.

Hon. P. RYRIE—The consignee gives his order to his subordinates. Your Excellency cannot think that the consignee is going on board the ship to search for opium. I beg to second the motion that the clause stand over.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—The Government have come to the conclusion that they must pass this Bill through Committee to-day. When the Bill comes to be read a third time if any hon. member has any specific amendment it will be quite open to him to move that the Bill be recommitted.

Hon. P. RYRIE—That's all right, but you will hear from the Chamber of Commerce before long.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD withdrew his amendment, substituting therefor that the clause be expunged.

Hon. P. RYRIE seconded.

The Council divided:—

For.	Against.
Hon. T. H. Whitehead	The Acting Surveyor-General
Hon. Ho Kai	The Colonial Treasurer
Hon. P. Ryrie	The Registrar-General
	The Acting Attorney-General
	The Act. Colonial Secretary
	His Excellency

The amendment was therefore lost and the original clause was passed. The remaining clauses elicited no discussion and the Bill passed through Committee.

THE RAW OPIUM BILL.

The third reading of this Bill was postponed in order that it might be read concurrently with the Prepared Opium Bill.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION BILL.

The Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Hon. P. RYRIE—I beg to ask for further delay in proceeding with this Bill. It is a most important Bill and it requires most careful consideration by the Chamber of Commerce. They are considering it now and they have not yet got through with it.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I have to-day received a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce on this subject. I was asked to sanction the postponement of the consideration of this Bill as the Chamber of Commerce had not yet considered it. They have only had one assembly and considered it for two hours. They considered it a very important Bill in the interests of the shipping community and that it should not be hurried through Committee. No reason was given to me where the Bill was found to be defective or contrary to the interests of shipping, and I could only reply that so far from the Bill being hurried through it was read a first time on the 31st July, it was published in the *Gazette* on the 1st August, nearly three weeks elapsed before the second reading, it was read a second time on the 17th August, when the hon. member who moved the second reading pointed out the most important alterations and invited all those interested in it to consider it during the next six or seven weeks when there was no session of the Legislative Council. The Council assembled about the 12th October; we are now at the 26th October. The Bill has therefore been in the hands of those who might wish to consider it for nearly three months, and I can only say if this Bill so vitally affects shipping interests I am surprised that three months have been allowed to pass and only at the last moment has the Chamber devoted two hours' consideration to it. Government work cannot be proceeded with in this way. In this case I have been asked what reason there is for passing this Bill now. I can only say that this Bill is the embodiment of nine different Ordinances scattered about over books which are very inconvenient to refer to. Many improvements with which this Bill deals have been introduced into England and are necessary here. A Bill of this kind is not prepared by officers of the Government without the interests of those concerned being considered. No reason has been put forward why any one clause of this Bill is undesirable. The Bill will be taken clause by clause in Committee, and three months having been given for consideration I do not see any reason why we should not proceed with it at once.

Hon P. RYRIE—It has taken the Government eighteen months to prepare the Bill.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I may mention that the original hurrying forward of the Bill—it has not been hurried now—was at the urgent instance of the senior unofficial member.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY—When I was Attorney-General, the hon. member was frequently asking when we were going to introduce that long delayed Bill and now that it is introduced he does not want it.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—It has been suggested that we are hurrying through this Bill. Nothing is further from the wishes of the Government. The chief questions which will arise will be on the regulations contained in the schedules. Most of the clauses have long been recognised and have not been amended at all. Surely these might be considered now and any controversial questions held over.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I rise to second the motion of the senior unofficial member. It is desirable that this Bill should be most carefully considered by those intimately acquainted with the requirements of the shipping trade. The shipping trade is the backbone, the life, I may say the existence of this Colony, and I submit that ample time should be given to consider a Bill which affects that trade. I think there has been some misunderstanding with regard to the Chamber of Commerce dealing with the Bill. It has been discussed amongst other important matters at three or four meetings, and on the day referred to two hours were devoted to its consideration alone. I have no doubt your Excellency will bear in mind that the members of the Committee are men whose hands are full and they cannot all always be present at these meetings. I sincerely hope your Excellency will not hurry through an important measure like this against the wishes of those most directly interested in the Bill, for this reason, that when a number of men of wide experience have fully considered clause by clause this measure time will be really saved in Committee. If your Excellency will give us five or six weeks I feel sure it will save time when we come into Committee. Another important reason for asking for an adjournment of the consideration of this Bill is the absence of Hon. Mr. Keswick who has left for a short holiday, and who when present would be able to give us the benefit of his practical experience and knowledge of shipping. Another unofficial member is also absent, who will be here perhaps in a few weeks, and on those grounds alone I think your Excellency would be fully justified in postponing consideration of this Bill.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY—It does seem to me that if the Chamber of Commerce had any objection to raise they might have raised it before. Ninth-tenths of the Bill are simply the old Ordinances put in a convenient form. I do not see why we should not deal with these clauses now, and if there is any clause which the Chamber of Commerce would like to stand over consideration of it can be adjourned. The Bill has been before the community for three months and now the Chamber of Commerce want us to stop legislation because forsooth, they have just decided that they want to consider the Bill.

The Council divided on the motion for postponing the consideration of the Bill:—

For.	Against.
Hon. T. H. Whitehead	The Acting Surveyor-General
Hon. Ho Kai	The Colonial Treasurer
Hon. P. Ryrie	The Registrar-General
	The Acting Attorney-General
	The Act. Colonial Secretary
	His Excellency

The amendment was therefore lost.

Hon. HO KAI moved the adjournment of the Council.

Hon P. RYRIE seconded.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I may say that I notice with regret and sorrow the remarks of the Acting Colonial Secretary with regard to the Chamber of Commerce.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY—I am obliged to the hon. member for his remark. It is always pleasant to be an object of pity, but I was not aware that I made any remarks disparaging to the Chamber of Commerce. It is very annoying to officials who have taken a great deal of time and trouble with a Bill to have it postponed in this way.

Hon. P. RYRIE—The officials are very well paid for their trouble.

The Council then adjourned to the 2nd Nov.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At the conclusion of the Council meeting, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held. The Acting Colonial Secretary presided.

The CHAIRMAN moved a vote of $640 for salaries and uniform of four Chinese constables for cemeteries.

Agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved a vote for $679 for the purchase of a Nordenfeldt gun and 1,000 rounds of ammunition for the *Charles May*. The gun they had at present was lent by the Admiralty and they wanted it back. It therefore became necessary to purchase one in its place.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—Could they not use one of the Maxim guns? They are not likely to be wanted for some time. (Laughter).

The vote was agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

SECOND OFFICER OF THE STEAMER "SUNGKIANG."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—There appears to be some misconception about this case, arising from condensed reporting, so that we feel compelled to publish the facts, that erroneous deductions may not be drawn by the public.

The *Sunghiang* on her arrival in Tientsin, last voyage, was found to have concealed in various parts of the ship, munitions of war as under:—

Repeating Rifles	10
do Carbines	3
Rifles	323
Carbines	50
Horse pistols	100
Revolvers (pin fire)	41
do (self extracting)	1
Sword Bayonets	235
Bayonets	40
Rifle Stocks	5
Revolver Cartridges	Boxes 75
Percussion Caps	do 154

These were confiscated by the Customs, and a fine was imposed upon the vessel, and paid, of Taels 500. It is difficult to understand how the officers of the vessel were unaware of such wholesale smuggling, and it is probably equally difficult to prove their complicity. In addition to the ordinary wages, the officers of the vessel are entitled to certain bonuses, dependent solely upon the will of the Agents of the Company; it is perhaps needless to say these gratuities are never withheld save in grave cases. Our judgment is final, and has been rarely exercised for many years. In the *Sungkiang* case all bonuses were stopped.

The *Sungkiang* was laden, steam up, and ready for departure at noon on the 22nd inst., for northern ports, when the second officer positively refused to sail in the vessel unless his bonus was paid. He was reasoned with, shown the folly of his action, the loss that would accrue to the vessel and that if he had a claim, it was equally good on the steamer's return as then; all to no purpose.

He came ashore with the Captain and chief officer. The latter was almost carried away by the conduct of the second officer, but fortunately reconsidered his action. They presented themselves at our office, where Mr. Wiltshire reiterated his determination not to sail in the steamer unless his bonus was granted. If we could have replaced the man we would at once have acceded to his request, and permitted his discharge, but, an unusual occurrence for this port, no qualified officer was available. It is not improbable this fact was known to Mr. Wiltshire. The Captain and officers proceeded to the Harbour Master's Office, where the officers were informed they must sail in the vessel; the second officer positively refused. As delay to the vessel was beyond recall, we decided to use the time in proceeding against Mr. Wiltshire. He never voluntarily returned to duty, as stated in your articles, otherwise we would have gladly accepted his repentance even at the eleventh hour.

The result of the case shows Mr. Wiltshire experienced a leniency that would not have been meted to him at home. The law is specially severe to meet frivolous objections being raised, and to prevent shipowners being at the mercy of men who can cause them needless annoyance and great loss. The conduct of an officer would be viewed with greater severity than an ordinary seaman.

The loss to the *Sungkiang* was about $250 in actual detention, while her subsequent earnings are jeopardised to the extent of thousands of dollars, as she is under charter, dependent upon time issues.

We think, Mr. Editor, the offence was a little more than "technical."—We are, dear sir, yours faithfully,

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 26th October 1891.

The British steamer "Athabasca," from Bassein, has been sunk through a collision in the Elbe.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Peshawur*, with the English mail of the 25th ult., arrived here yesterday. The subjoined telegrams are taken from Ceylon and Indian papers:—

THE DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. PARNELL.

LONDON, 8th October.

Only his wife and medical attendant were present during Mr. Parnell's illness, which was totally unknown to his party.

LONDON, 8th October.

Mr. Parnell in defiance of his doctors's order proceeded to Ireland last Sunday week, and addressed a large meeting at Galway. He returned to Brighton feeling chilled; and on Friday was seized with an acute attack of rheumatism. He sank rapidly, dying in the arms of his wife. Universal sympathy is expressed in Ireland over his demise; and there is a talk of a public funeral.

LONDON, 9th October.

Mrs. Parnell has yielded to the desire of the Irish party that a public funeral be accorded to her late husband. His remains will reach Dublin on Sunday, and the funeral will take place at Glasnevin. It is proposed that the body shall lie in state in the Central Hall in Dublin. The doctors have announced that Mr. Parnell's death was due to syncope following an attack of rheumatic fever.

LONDON, 10th October.

A deputation will meet the remains of the late Mr. Parnell at Holyhead. The body will be placed in a catafalque, and will lie in state in the Central Hall, Dublin. Mr. Healy and other members of the Irish party have been warned that they will be insulted if they attend the funeral. Mrs. Parnell is prostrate with grief, and unable to attend.

LONDON, 11th October.

Mr. Parnell's body was removed from Brighton yesterday for conveyance to Holyhead. Representatives from the London branch of the National League met the remains at Willesden Junction and reverently defiled before the coffin. The followers of Mr. McCarthy have decided to abstain from taking part in the funeral, fearing that their presence might cause a riot. A number of loafers shouted "murderer" after Mr. Dillon in the streets of Dublin.

LATER.

The body of the late Mr. Parnell reached Dublin at seven o'clock this morning and an enormous and sympathetic crowd awaited the arrival of the remains. A procession was formed, headed by a band playing funeral marches, and by Mr. Parnell's colleagues and representatives of the various branches of the National League escorting the funeral car to the City Hall, where the body now lies in state.

LONDON, 12th October.

Thousands of people have viewed the coffin containing the remains of the late Mr. Parnell. The coffin was afterwards removed and placed in a hearse and the funeral cortege which extended several miles long started from the City Hall to Glasnevin. As the mournful procession wound its way through the streets, it offered a spectacle of unprecedented solemnity. Surrounding the hearse were the colleagues of Mr. Parnell and after them the Mayors and members of the municipal bodies of Dublin, Cork, and elsewhere, deputations from several National League branches and from other societies, and bands alternately playing funeral marches following them. The route was packed with people, many of whom had come in special trains from all parts of Ireland. The cortege reached Glasnevin Cemetery at five o'clock yesterday evening and a surging crowd collected at its gates, where several scuffles took place. The coffin was deposited on a platform, after which people with uncovered heads reverently filed off before it. The service was impressive and concluded in moonlight.

THE RE-ELECTION OF SIR JAMES FERGUSSON.

LONDON, 9th October.

Sir Jas. Fergusson has been re-elected for the north-east division of Manchester, defeating Mr. Scott, the Gladstonian Liberal candidate, by a majority of 150.

MORE BYE-ELECTIONS.

LONDON, 11th October.

Mr. Jebb, Conservative, has been returned unopposed as member for Cambridge University in place of the late Mr. Raikes.

Mr. Murray, the Conservative candidate, was yesterday elected member for Buteshire, defeating Mr. MacCulloch, the Gladstonian-Liberal, by a majority of 375, the voting being—for Mr. Murray, 1,365; and for Mr. MacCulloch, 990.

ARMY VETERINARY OFFICERS.

LONDON, 8th October.

A royal warrant issued yesterday fixes the substantive ranks of officers of the Veterinary Department as follows:—Veterinary Colonel, Veterinary Lieutenant-Colonel, Veterinary Major, Veterinary Captain, Veterinary Lieutenant. These officers will be paid at full rates and receive half retired pay. The warrant also fixes the retirement gratuity.

THE BRINDISI MAIL IN COLLISION.

LONDON, 12th October.

A collision occurred near Brindisi between the train conveying the Indian mails and a stationary goods train. One man has been injured.

BETTING ON THE CESAREWITCH.

BOMBAY, 10th October.

The *Times of India's* London correspondent wires the following is the latest London betting on the Cesarewitch to be run on Wednesday next at Newmarket Second October Meeting:—7 to 1 against Morion; 8 to 1 against Victorious; 11 to 1 against Rathbeal; 12 to 1 against Judith; 17 to 1 against Buccaneer; 17 to 1 against Lily of Lumley; 17 to 1 against Chesterfield.

THE RUSSIAN EXPEDITION TO THE PAMIRS.

ST. PETERSBURG, 10th October.

Despatches received here state that Prince Galitzine's expedition to the Pamirs has safely traversed Kashgar, Yarkand, and Kargarix.

ALLAHABAD, 12th October.

News has been received that the Governor-General of Russian Turkestan has crossed the Alaio. This seems to indicate that special importance is attached to the recent exploration of the Pamirs. With him is Mr. Charles Eliott, Third Secretary to the Embassy at St. Petersburg. The object of the journey is not known.

THE WEATHER.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

25TH OCTOBER, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostouk	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	30.16	—	—	S	1	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	30.02	71	71	E	2	c	—
Foochow	29.99	73	81	NE	1	o	—
Amoy	29.96	80	70	ENE	1	o	—
Anping	29.90	82	—	N	1	o	—
Swatow	29.99	79	—	E	2	o	—
Hongkong	29.89	78	90	E	5	cd	—
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	E	5	—	—
Canton	29.95	83	93	NE	1	b	—
Macao	29.90	81	81	ENE	2	—	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	29.95	84	83	E	2	o	—
Bolinao	29.88	85	72	NW	2	o	—
Manila	29.84	87	70	N	1	b	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26TH OCTOBER, AT 10 A.M.							
Wladivostouk	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foochow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	29.94	77	86	—	0	o	—
Anping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	29.91	78	—	ENE	2	og	—
Hongkong	29.92	79	85	E	4	o	0.15
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	E	6	—	—
Canton	29.92	83	91	NE	1	c	—
Macao	29.91	86	91	NNE	1	cd	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	29.92	79	84	E	2	o	—
Bolinao	29.92	87	76	SE	1	b	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—	N	2	b	—

Barometer falling generally. Gradients are gentle except in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, where they are rather steep for E. winds. Weather cool, cloudy, and squally. (Issued at 10.45 a.m.)

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.89	29.92	29.83
Temperature	78	79	79
Humidity	80	85	91
Direction of wind	E.	E.	E.
Force	5	4	3
Weather	cd.	o.	cd.
Rain	—	0.15	—

Highest open air temperature on the 25th 81
Lowest open air temperature on the 25th 75

1—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahr. at sea level.
2—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4—DIRECTION OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
5—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6—STATE OF THE WEATHER: b. blue sky; c. detached clouds; d. drizzling rain; f. fog; g. gloomy; h. hail; l. lightning; o. overcast; p. passing showers; q. squally; r. rain; s. snow; t. thunder; v. visibility w. dew (wet).

W. DOBERCK,
Hongkong Observatory, October 26th, 1891.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER, OCT. 26TH.

Barometer 9 A.M.	29.94	Therm. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	77
Barometer 1 P.M.	29.84	Therm. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	77
Barometer 4 P.M.	29.85	Therm. 4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	77
Thermom. 9 A.M.	79	Therm. Maximum (over night)	80
Thermom. 1 P.M.	82	Therm. Minimum (over night)	73
Thermom. 4 P.M.	78		

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	3/1½
Bank Bills, on demand	3/1½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	3/1⅝
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	3/1½
Credits, at 4 months' sight	3/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	3/2½
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	3.93
Credits, at 4 months' sight	4.04
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	3.15
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	75¾
Credits, 60 days' sight	76¾
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	221½
Bank, on demand	221½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	221½
Bank, on demand	221½
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	72½
Private, 30 days' sight	72½
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	6.32

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai.	$125	158 p.ct.pm.= $322.50, buyers
China, Japan, &c.	£1.5	$13¾, buyers
Do. New Issue	£1.5	$13¾
Do., Founders	£1	£140, sellers
Nat. Bank of Ch.		
A. Shares	£2	nom.
B. Shares	£4	25 p. ct. dis.
Foun. Shares	£1	$325
New Oriental	£10	£10
Brown & Co., H. G.	$50	$47, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$10, nom.
China Borneo	$55	$10, sellers
China Sugar	$100	$177
Chinese Loan '84 C.	$500	1. p. ct. pm. buyers
Chinese Loan '89 E.	Tls. 250	Tls. 277½
Cruickshank & Co.	$50	$40, nom.
Dairy Farm Co.	$10	$8, sellers
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$14, buyers
Green Island Cement	$50	$10, sellers
H. Brick & Cement	$21.50	$15, nom.
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$75, nom.
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$120
Hongkong Electric	$8	$6
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$53, sellers
Hongkong Ice	$25	$86, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$67, sellers
H. Steam Laundry	$50	nom.
Hongkong Hope	$50	$93, buyers
H. & W. Dock	$125	77 p. ct. pm. $221.25, sales
Hotels—		
Austin Arms	$50	$10, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$60, sellers
Do. New Issue	$25	nom.
Peak Hotel	$50	$3, sellers
Shameen	$15	$10, nom.
Insurances—		
Canton	$50	$107
China Fire	$20	$87
China Traders'	$25	$62, sales
Hongkong Fire	$50	$216
North-China	£50	Tls. 250
Singapore	$20	$10¼, buyers
Straits Fire	$20	$15½, buyers
Straits Marine	$20	$13, buyers
Union	$25	$91
Yangtsze	$100	$96, buyers
Labuk Planting	$50	$15, sellers
Land & Building—		
H. Land Investm't	$50	$74
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$12, sellers
Peak Building	$13	nom.
Humphreys Estate	$100	$200, nom.
West Point Build.	$40	$25, buyers
Luzon Sugar	$100	$54
Mining—		
Balmoral Gold	$10	$1, sellers
Chesbonnages	$131.58	$340, sales
Ipuris	$6.31	$73
Jelebu	$5	$5, sellers
Punjom	$10	$2½, buyers
Kau's	17s. 11d.	55 cts. sellers
Selama	$5	$1, sellers
Do.	$2	40 cts. sellers
Steamship Coys.—		
China & Manila	$50	$66, sales
Douglas S. S. Co.	$50	$36, sellers
H., Canton, & M.	$20	$35, sales
Indo-China S. N.	£10	27½ p. ct. dis. sellers
Steam Launch	$30	$30, nom.
Wichai Warch'se Co.	$37½	$37½ nom.
Watson & Co., A. S.	$10	$20, buyers

E. & S. COXON,
Share Brokers.

OPIUM.

	Per Piecl.	Allow'ce.
New Malwa	$490	3½ to 3¾ cat'es.
Old Malwa	$520	3 to 3¼ "
Older Malwa	$530	3 to 3¼ "
Oldest Malwa	$540	1½ to 4 "
Patna (New)	$495	per chest.
Patna (Old)	$507½	" "
Benares (New)	$470	" "
Benares (Old)	$495	" "

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Zafiro*, from Manila 23rd Oct., had variable N.E. to S.E. winds and rainy weather with very confused sea.

The British steamer *Glencarn*, from Foochow 24th Oct., had strong N.E. monsoon with high sea, sky overcast, with heavy rain at intervals.

The British steamer *Haiphong*, from Swatow 25th Oct., had moderate N.E. breeze and overcast weather to port. Steamers in Swatow—*Nawoa* and *Kweilin*.

The British steamer *Glenshiel*, from London 11th Sept., and Singapore 20th Oct., had light airs and calms to Bombay Reef; from thence to port moderate north-easterly monsoon and cloudy weather.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

October 8, Ned. str. Batavia, De Gruyter, Oct. 7, from Samarang for Tjilatjap.

8, Brit. bark Comus, Lamont, Oct. 7, from Batavia for Channel.

9, Ned. str. Prins Alexander, Adriani, Aug. 29, from Amsterdam for Batavia.

9, Brit. str. Kent, Stanney, Oct. 8, from Samarang for Port Said.

9, Ger. str. Martha, Eckert, Oct. 8, from Samarang for Port Said.

9, Ital. bark Innocenti, Cuneo, Sept. 22, from Singapore for New York.

9, Nor. bark Ole Boe, Gundersen, Sept. 3, from Mauritius for Tjilatjap.

9, Brit. ship Ruby, Robbins, Sept. 23, from Singapore for Boston.

9, Brit. str. Queen Victoria, Erkine, Aug. 29, from Batoum for Batavia.

11, Brit. str. Buckingham, Scorfie, Oct. 8, from Sourabaya for Port Said.

11, German man-of-war Bussard, Gerty, Oct. 3, from Colombo for Batavia.

12, Ned. str. Ardjoeno, Boon, Sept. 5, from Rotterdam for Batavia.

14, Brit. bark Brodick Bay, Wakeham, July 10, from London for Batavia.

14, Ned. str. Samarang, Klein, Oct. 14, from Batavia for Rotterdam.

14, Ned. bark Kinderdyk, Ouweland, June 17, from Rotterdam for Batavia.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, decorated with the Royal Order of Isabella the Catholic, begs to inform the Public that he has a large Collection of Goods for Sale in his Shop, such as—

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INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

THE NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT will receive TENDERS for the SOLE RIGHT to EXPORT CHANDU for Eight Years or any shorter period.

Apply to the GOVERNMENT SECRETARY, Sandakan.

By His Excellency's Command,
ALEX. COOK,
Acting Government Secretary.

Government Secretary's Office,
Sandakan, 27th June, 1891. [2232

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,
No. 183.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO AND LABUAN.

REVENUE FARMS FOR 1892.

THE GOVERNMENT are prepared to receive TENDERS for the following FARMS for 1892:—

I.—THE OPIUM FARM.

Including the sole right to import Raw or Manufactured Opium for consumption in the Colony of Labuan and its Dependencies, and in the State or District of British North Borneo to which the Farm applies, and to prepare and sell and or to license others to prepare and sell Opium, Chandoo, and Opium Dross.

The Regulations governing the Farm are contained in Labuan Ordinance No. II. of 1873, adopted in British North Borneo, and in Notification No. 111 of 1889.

The Maximum retail prices allowed by the Regulations are as follows:—

TAELS.	CHEES.	HOONS	$ c.	
6	8	0	10.—	Not more than 27 Chees can be prepared from one Ball Raw Opium.
3	2½	0	5.—	
0	6	2	1.—	
0	2	9	0.5 r	
0	1	0	0.19	
0	0	1	0.02	
1 Ball			40.—	

II.—THE SPIRIT FARM.

Including the sole right to import and to sell and or to license others to import and sell Chinese Wines and Spirituous Liquors of Chinese manufacture, and the sole right to sell and to issue retail and wholesale licenses to sell all other Wines, Beer, and Spirituous Liquors.

The Farm is governed by Proclamations No. VIII. of 1889 and III. of 1883.

III.—THE PAWNBROKING FARM.

Including the sole right to keep and or to license others to keep Pawnbroking Establishments.

The Farm is governed by Labuan Ordinance No. III. of 1868 as amended by Labuan Ordinance No. I. of 1872, and Proclamation V. of 1888 and Notification No. 131 of 1889.

IV.—THE GAMBLING RESTRICTION FARM

Including the sole right to keep and or to license others to keep Gambling-houses, and to issue permits to Gamble.

The Farm is governed by Proclamation No. VIII. of 1891. It does not extend to Labuan.

V.—THE CUSTOMS FARM.

Including the sole right to collect all Import and Export Duties payable to Government, viz:—On the East Coast—Export Duties on Rattan, Gutta, Wax, Birds-nest, Timber, and all jungle and sea produce; Import Duties on Tobacco, Spirits, Salt, and Matches. On the West Coast—Export Duties on all jungle and sea produce, the same as for East Coast District; Import Duties on Salt, Spirits, Tobacco, Matches, Iron, Brass, and Cloth.

VI.—THE BLACHAN FARM.

Including the sole right to catch shrimps and to manufacture Blachan and or to license others to catch shrimps and to manufacture Blachan.

VII.—THE BIRDS-NEST FARM, DARVEL BAY.

Including the sole right to collect the Government Share of 10 % on all nests from Madai and Segalong Caves.

A separate Tender must be submitted for each of the above Farms.

Each tender may be for one or more of the following Districts or places, and if the Farm of more than one of the Districts or places mentioned is applied for, a separate Tender should be submitted for each District or place, viz.:—

1.—The whole State of British North Borneo, extending from Sipitong River in Padas Bay on the West Coast, to Sibucco Bay on the East Coast, and also the Colony of Labuan and its Dependencies, as regards the Opium Farm only.

2.—The East Coast District from Tanjong Inarutang to Sibucco Bay, including Darvel, Labuk, Sugut, and Sandakan Bays, Kinabatangan, Segama, and all rivers within the District.

3.—The Simporna District from Simporna to Batu Tinagat.

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Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M. on the day before sailing.
Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay.
For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.
The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.
This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles.
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th October, 1891. [1

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
CHINA ..... SATURDAY Oct. 31
CITY OF PEKING ..... WEDNESDAY Nov. 25
CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Honolulu) ..... SATURDAY Dec. 19

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 31st OCTOBER, at ONE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. } $225.00
To Liverpool and London $325.00
To Paris and Bremen $345.00
To Havre and Hamburg $335.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.
Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific, or Canadian Pacific Railways.
Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued as following rates:—
4 months $337.50
12 " $393.75
Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. from Return Fare. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No 72, Queen's Road Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1891. [3

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship
"NANCY PENDLETON,"
Captain F. G. Pendleton, will load for the above port, and have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 11th August, 1891. [1904

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship
"LUZON,"
Captain Carver, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1891. [2105

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF CHINA	Tuesday ...10th Nov.
EMPRESS OF INDIA	Tuesday ... 8th Dec.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Tuesday ...5th Jan.

THE R. M. S.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA,"
5,000 tons, Captain A. Tillett, sailing at NOON, on TUESDAY, the 10th NOVEMBER, 1891, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO	One Way Fares	Prepaid Return 4 Mos.	Prepaid Return 12 Mos.
Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, B.C.	225	338	394
Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash			
Portland, Ore., San Francisco			
Banff, Calgarry, Alba	255	383	487
Winnipeg, Man	275	413	482
To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Minn	285	428	499
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo	295	443	517
Milwaukee, Wis			
Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O.			
Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont.	305	458	534
Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.			
Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que.			
New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y.			
Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Pa.	310	465	543
Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me.			
Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B.			
Liverpool and London via Liverpool	325	575	650
Paris, via Liverpool and London	345	not issued	not issued
Havre, via Liverpool	335		
Bremen, "	345		
Hamburg, "	335		

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage Fares and Rates to other places, quoted on application.
The Steamers call at Victoria to land and embark Passengers.
Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarking at Vancouver.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all Trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China or Japan, and to Government officials.
CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Points.
CONSULAR INVOICES of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, C. P. R., Vancouver, B.C.
PARCELS must be sent to our Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1891. [8

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
BELGIC.....THURSDAY.....Nov. 12
OCEANIC.....TUESDAY.....Dec. 8.
GAELIC.....THURSDAY.....Dec. 31

THE Steamship "BELGIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, at ONE P.M., Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O., } $225.00
To Liverpool and London.....$325.00
To Paris and Bremen.....$345.00
To Havre and Hamburg.....$335.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.
Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific, or Canadian Pacific Railways.
Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:—
4 months $337.50
12 " $393.75
Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.
Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*
All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1891. [4

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.
ALSO,
LONDON, HAVRE, AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th November, 1891, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "OXUS," Commandant Chabaud, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 3rd November. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1891. [2

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship
"ANNIE H. SMITH"
will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 21st September, 1891. [2168

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. British Ship
"CHARLES S. WHITNEY,"
Carey, Master, will load here for the above port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.
Hongkong, 13th October, 1891. [2336

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Bark
"EMMA T. CROWELL,"
Pendleton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
SHEWAN & CO.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1891. [2358

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "FLINTSHIRE."
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 29